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### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Christ Episcopal church, Courtland street, Rev. E. J. Craft, rector—Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12:15 p. m.; evening prayer, 7:30.

Park Street Congregational church, corner Barnum avenue and Park st. Rev. H. Beard, Ph. D., Minister. Morning worship at 10:30, sermon "A Proof of Love." Sunday school at 12:15. Men's Seminar at 12:15. Subject "Divorce." Young People's Alliance at 6:15. Subject "The Battle of the Slaves." Leader Miss Migrove. Evening service at 7:30. Address by Dr. Beard on "Darwin, Evolution and Christianity."

The People's church, Laurel and Park avenues, Rev. Mr. Davenport, the minister will conduct the service at 10:30. The church is open for religious and the Upper Classes, at 7:30 on Treating God Fairly. Mrs. Lyons will sing, Sunday school at 12. Christian Endeavor Consecration meetings at 4 and 6:30, with preliminary service at 6 o'clock. All are heartily welcome.

In the First Methodist Episcopal church, 311 Main street, there will be the reception of members and Holy Communion at 10:30. The Sunday school will convene at 12 o'clock. At 6:30 the Epworth League Service will be conducted by Mr. Stanley M. Bennett. The popular Gospel Song service will be held in the auditorium at 7:15 with organ, piano and organ accompaniment. George M. Brown will speak upon "Prosperity." The quartette will close the service with a special hymn number.

Washington Park Methodist church, corner of Noble and Barnum avenues, Charles Elmore Barto, pastor. Communion service and reception of members at 10:30. Sunday school at 12:15. Epworth league at 6:30. Evening worship with sermon by the pastor at 7:30.

King's Highway Congregational, Spring Street, near Noble avenue, Rev. P. E. Mathias, pastor. Services at 10:30; Sunday school 12:15; Christian Endeavor 6:30; preaching 7:30. Morning subject "Why it is hard for a Rich Man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Evening subject "How We Got Our Bible—Formation of the Canon and its Preservation in Manuscripts." During the morning service there will be an address to boys and girls.

West End Congregational Church, Colorado avenue, between Fairfield and State streets, W. Irving Maurer, minister. Subject of sermon tomorrow morning at 10:30, Captives of Christ. Sunday school at noon. Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Sunday school at 12:15. Pictorial sermon on "The Parables of Our Lord."

First Congregational church, corner Broad and Bank streets, Rev. John DePau, pastor. Service with sermon, 10:30 a. m. Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at noon. Wednesday evening prayer meeting in the chapel at 7:45 o'clock.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 371 Lafayette street, Rev. J. A. M. Subject, "God the Only Cause and Creator." Sunday school 12:15. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room open every week day morning from 10 to 1 and every afternoon, including Sunday, from 3 to 5; also open Friday evening. All are welcome to both the services, and to the privileges of the reading room.

Instead of the orchestra concert of last night, the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. will be a sacred concert given by "The Fishers," the English Hand Bell Ringers. The Fishers are a remarkably clever ensemble of men and women who are surely artists at bell ringing. The speaker will be Rev. John Macdonald, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. All men have the most cordial invitation to spend all or any part of Sunday afternoon at the association.

First Presbyterian church, State street, Cor. Myrtle avenue, Rev. John Macdonald, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:15. Sermon topics: Morning, "The Goal." Evening, "What is Worth While." Special musical service beginning at seven o'clock. See elsewhere for program.

SACRED CANTATA AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The Last Advent—a Sacred Cantata—will be rendered by the choir of the First Presbyterian church to-morrow evening at 7:30, preceded by an organ recital. The choir comprises Miss Margaret Hogan, soprano; Miss Gertrude Laubach, alto; Mr. Wm. A. Tomlinson, tenor; Mr. Austin MacConnell, bass; Mr. Elmer S. Joyce, organist and director.

CLASS INITIATION. Court Marina, F. of A. will hold a class initiation in the spring. They are the first among the local lodges to make plans for an event of this kind. A luncheon was served following the meeting last night and an entertainment was enjoyed.

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## Alderman Eugene I. Meyer, Republican, of the Eleventh District, Defines His Position Relative to Firemen's Pay Increase.

Alderman Eugene I. Meyer, of the Eleventh district, the well known Republican leader of the East Side, today addressed an open letter to the Taxpayers' league, in which he takes up the league's arguments relative to the firemen's pay increase and discusses them in a manner novel and interesting. The letter follows:

(Continued from Page 1.)

With this I cannot agree. Bridgeport is wealthier than the average city of its size in this country. Indeed, it is one of the wealthiest. Its products go to the entire world. The gross income of its citizens is very great. If you doubt this compare the gross and net income from manufacturing with the gross and net income of other cities in this state and elsewhere.

Bridgeport is only poor in the sense that its system of raising municipal revenues is defective. The tax burden is placed unequally. Some pay more than others. Let us value all taxable property "at its fair market value" according to law, and with the imposition of a very low rate. Bridgeport will have as large a public revenue as any city of its size in the United States, excepting only the cities of New York and San Francisco.

The firemen should not be deprived of a just wage in order to assist some to escape just taxation. Roughly estimating, I should say that there is in this city \$50,000,000 of property which ought to be on the basis of the assessors and is not. At only one per cent, this property would yield a revenue of \$500,000 annually.

But this is true of every employment. There is no work so mean and none so poorly paid that men cannot be found under the existing industrial system to fill the places of those who should leave such occupation to go on strike.

I doubt if many employers are willing to turn out of their factories and upon the chance that "others will take their places for less money." I dare say there are men who would rather work for less money than be unemployed. But his employers might not consider it wise to change.

The first is "Do the firemen approve of the increase given to the firemen?" I need not say that ours is not a government of taxpayers, but of men. Ben Franklin laughed at the government by property. He said that with his famous question about the man and the ass. The constitution of Pennsylvania, in Franklin's time, contained a property qualification for voters. He said that the man who owned a horse was enough to enfranchise its owner. One day a man rode to the polls on his ass and asked the way home. The ass died, leaving the owner without a vote. Franklin, with pitiless humor, asked, "Who voted, the man, or the ass?"

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Many factories, the man who works more than eight or ten hours, according to the trade, receives more for each subsequent hour than he receives for the first hour. The basis of payment usually is the number of hours of the time of the worker that is actually taken by the employer.

So considered the firemen are the poorest paid men in the community. They get more than street workers, to be sure, but only by giving substantially every hour of their lives to the employer. They get less per hour than almost any other class of workers.

"All that a man hath will he give for his life." The firemen do dangerous work. No one line insurance company will take a fireman as a risk.

Should this not be an element in fixing the wage? The increase the firemen will not get more in respect of purchasing power, than they would have got ten years ago at \$800.

According to the figures furnished by the United States government the cost of living has increased 48 per cent in ten years. If in 1897 \$800 was not too much for a fireman to get for wages, \$1,200 is not too much now.

Perhaps one other phase of this subject should be discussed. The firemen have been threatened with punishment because they have tried to better their condition.

The humblest workman in this land has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, of which no man should be deprived. A higher wage is not the least.

The law provides that the Common Council, which proceeds directly from the people, may increase, or decrease the pay of the firemen.

This duty is not imposed upon the firemen. Therefore the firemen had a right to come to the Council. It was the only proper place for them to come for such a purpose. They committed no breach of law or duty, because they did not solicit the support of the fire commissioners.

No criticism that has been made against the firemen in the above respect, and every threat, was improper. It is always the duty of a citizen to speak out for the people. I believe that the people favor the firemen's increase. The people believe in righteousness, and a just non fall in the eyes of the public. A model employer and to set an example to private employers.

Therefore, as a matter of justice and duty, I shall vote for the increase and against the veto of the mayor.

Very respectfully yours,  
EUGENE I. MEYER.

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### NOTED EUROPEAN SURGEON HERE IN AID OF SCIENCE



Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, the eminent surgeon of the University of Bucharest, is in this country and has been giving some remarkable demonstrations of painless surgery before various clinics in New York. His visit is purely for the purpose of demonstrating to scientists of the western world his method of anodyne anesthetics to the spinal cord to deaden the pain incident to surgical operations. It has been reported that Dr. Jonnesco is the discoverer of this form of painless surgery, but this is resented by American surgeons, who credit the discovery to Dr. J. Leonard Corning.

### MAYOR IS HOST AT

### WOWOMPON MEETING.

Mayor Buckingham, past sashem of Wowompon Tribe, I. O. R. M., entertained his fellow braves at a social session following the regular meeting last evening. The mayor provided a spread of corn and venison served during the social festivities. Among the speakers were Mayor Buckingham, James Holt, Jr., Sachem Thomas Hungerford, an "Senior Sagamore" Stephen White. The entertainers were Fred Berger, George Rajotte, Dan Coughlin, George Lush, E. L. Yeaton, and John Schwerdtle.

The Haymakers' election held last evening brought the following result: Chief haymaker, Stephen White; past chief haymaker, James Bundock; assistant chief haymaker, Thomas Hungerford; overseer H. P. Rodurtha; collector of straw W. C. Gault; assistant collector of straw F. N. Conway; keeper of bundles, W. Lounsbury.

### Eagles Elect Officers

### After Lively Contest

One of the liveliest contests of the local series of Eagles culminated in the annual election held last evening. The gathering was of especial interest aside from the election feature, for it was the first since the return of the circus, many of the employees of which are affiliated with the series. The officers chosen are:

George Jamieson, president; William H. Callan, vice president; Daniel J. O'Connor, financial secretary; J. Conner, chaplain; Thomas McNamara, recording secretary; Dr. D. H. Monahan, physician; Thomas W. Reddy, treasurer; William J. Rogers, outside secretary; William J. Dixon, inside guard; T. H. Brady, J. J. Doyle and Martin J. Kelly, board of trustees.

### LIVELY SESSION

### OF CONGRESS

### IS LOOKED FOR

(Special from United Press.) Washington, Dec. 4.—The "Standard" and "Insurance" bills, the "Veterans and progressive, Republicans and Democrats, are gathering on Capitol Hill for their line up next week. The most interesting session of Congress held in a decade. When Cannon arrives Monday and the gavel of Vice President Sherman and Speaker Cannon will be in the hands of the President. It is expected to be a large attendance in each chamber.

Today the Senators and members are under the capitol corridors and the two big marble office buildings, inspecting their desks and holding out of respect to the President another over "What is likely to come up?" The first day's session will be brief. The appointment of a joint committee to investigate the "Baker" bill is to form him, officially, that the lawmakers are in session and would be pleased to receive any communication from him, was considered the business of the day. As soon as the Notification Committee is appointed members in each house will move at adjournment until Tuesday out of respect to the memory of colleague deceased since the close of the extraordinary session last summer.

The motion picture "The Baker" will be shown in the capitol building. The reading of President Taft's annual message will be the principal business for Tuesday and will consume the entire time of that day. It is probable that two members of the house will be sworn in on the first day before adjournment is taken.

These are W. W. McCredie, who succeeds the late Frank Cushman of Washington and W. J. Moxley of Illinois who steps into the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Senator from Louisiana.

Fountain H. Thomason, who succeeds Senator Johnson of North Dakota, will probably be sworn in on Tuesday.

### STORM STILL RAGES

### ON BRITISH COAST

(Special from United Press.) London, Dec. 4.—Shipping circles are alarmed today over the constantly growing list of wrecks from the storm that has been sweeping the British coast for three days. The storm is but slightly abated today but is still raging in a manner that promises to send still more vessels to the bottom. It is now believed the number of drownings will run over 200, seventy-two of which were from the steamers Thetlemore and Ellanvannin, both of which were sunk. Nine cargo steamers have been either lost or badly damaged, several are missing and it is feared they have gone down and at least 100 sail-boats are lost or missing.

Life savers have rescued about 200 sailors from the various wrecks. The sinking of the Ellanvannin, bound from Isle of Man for Liverpool, has caused intense indignation and an official investigation into the boat's condition will probably be made. The Ellanvannin was 59 years old and was declared to have been notoriously unseaworthy for several years. The Ellanvannin had on board 100 passengers besides her crew.

Lincoln Revere vs. Clintons. The Lincoln Revere vs. Clintons challenge of the Clinton A. C. for to-morrow at 2:30 p. m. at the Circus grounds. This game will not interfere with the boxing match between the Lincoln Revere and the Junior Champions of the city.

### CHARITY BALL MAY NET OVER \$1,000

Brilliant Society Gathering at Stratfield Ball Room

Approximately \$1,000 was cleared for the benefit of the Children's Day Nursery at the Charity Ball, a brilliant event at the Stratfield Ball room last evening. While returns will not be complete for several days, officials of the Associated Charities are confident that the receipts this year will surpass those of last year. The net proceeds last year were \$945.

The Stratfield Ball room was the scene of one of its most brilliant gatherings last evening, representative of the wealth and society of the city and suburbs. It was the second annual event of its kind. For weeks the committees had been preparing for the event and the success of their efforts for besides the large attendance at the ball, there were numerous responses from wealthy and charitable people who were not in attendance. Checks still continue to come in the mails of the treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Downs, and this coupled with the returns from the sale of tickets to make their reports promptly keep the officers from completing the report of the financial outcome of the venture.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Joel P. Omans, the president; Mrs. Edward Wallace Downs, chairman; Mrs. Ellen F. Shepard; Mrs. William E. Halligan; Mrs. Morris B. Beardsley; Charles H. Armstrong; Mrs. Henry C. Fairchild; Mrs. F. J. Naramore; Mrs. Percy Barstow; Mrs. Edgar Bassick; Mrs. Charles B. Read; Mrs. Henry W. Parrott; Mrs. F. E. Beach; Mrs. Tracy B. Warren.

Mayo Buckingham was prominent among the spectators. Former Alderman Charles L. Gaylord was stationed at the door as ticket collector.

### EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE ALL AROUND TOWN

"Which do you belong to, the horse wagon or the engine?" this was the question asked by a fire commissioner of a fireman a few years ago in a local fire engine house. The commissioner had been a member of the fire board a year and then he let down the bars and gave away the secret that he did not know the organization of the fire department. The commissioner will go down in fire department because of this one question. The fireman's engine and the horse wagon were the equipment of the company.

But the commissioner was not alone. There are many men who pose as leading citizens who know less about the fire department than the fireman. One leading citizen saw a fireman leaving his house at 9 o'clock in the morning and said, "My fellow, have it easy—regular banking hours—just going to work and I have to be in at 8 o'clock."

The fireman had been out twice that night to fire and had come home to his breakfast. His neighbor thought fire fighting a lazy man's job.

The most wearing of a foot race is the time that runners are on their marks and the starter is holding them for the word. Many a fireman does not run well if the starter calls the contestants back several times and has trouble getting the race underway. How would you like to be in a business where you were the mark and constantly waiting for the crack of the pistol like the runners. Asleep or awake it is always the thought that the next instant will put you on your toes and in action. That is the life of the fireman. Instead of the crack of the pistol it is the bang of the bell that he waits for 365 days a year. A man's nerves have to be in good condition to live and sleep under a bell and he has to keep himself in a constant condition for the times when there are series of bad fires in succession. It is rough on the fireman when people say, "They lead lazy lives."

Many people think that when they raise their right hand and take an oath before the board of assessors that they have sworn their property is worth the value they have placed on the list. Naturally they are not aware when the assessors have taken it for granted that they lied under oath. As a matter of fact the assessors are to the effect that the taxpayer has listed all of his or her property. Property owners can place on their property as much value as they choose and the changing of the value by the assessors means that the assessors differ with the owner on the question of the value of the property. The place for the property owner to tread out differences with the assessors is before the board of relief or before the Superior court.

A well known business man who recently built a new house for himself and family, has been protesting to the architect against the smallness of the kitchen. He said, "How are we going to get in a table and chairs in the room?" "Why, you are to have your meals in the dining room which is twice as large as the kitchen," replied the architect. "I don't go in a dining room," snapped the new house owner. I have spent a lot of money on this place, but it ain't going to seem like a home a home a home a home in the kitchen in my shirt-sleeves!"

### GIRL STRIKERS